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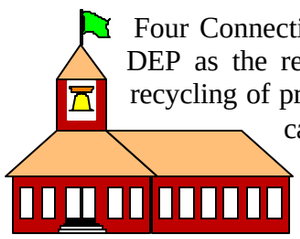
Local Schools and Youth Camp Recipients of Compost Units



Four Connecticut schools and one resident youth camp have been chosen by DEP as the recipients of institutional-size mechanical compost units for the recycling of pre and post consumer food scraps generated in their kitchens and cafeterias. Ten composters, which have been in operation at Trinity College for the past three years, are being redistributed in pairs to Martin Kellogg Middle School in Newington; Henry Abbott Regional Technical High School in Danbury; St. Gabriel Elementary School in Milford; Flanders Elementary School in East Lyme; and Camp Jewell YMCA in Colebrook. Awards were made after the applicants responded to a competitive request for proposal. The composters will be arriving at the schools/camp during the summer and are required to be in operation no later than January 15, 2001. Recipients have guaranteed that there would be an adult project coordinator to oversee food scrap collection and composting, and have also agreed to continue operation and maintenance of the composters for a minimum of three years, after which time the composters will become the property of the school. For more information contact K.C. Alexander at 860-424-3365.

Recycling Reports

The town of Franklin was the first to submit their annual recycling report. It was received at DEP offices on July 13, 2000, well ahead of the required due date of August 31st. BRAVO Franklin!!

Businesses Recognized for Recycling Efforts

The Connecticut Business Environmental Council (CBEC) hosted its Annual Recognition and Awards Reception on June 13 at the Radisson Inn in Bristol. Mr. Denny Donahue, chairman of the Council, presented awards to six businesses for their enthusiasm and outstanding accomplishments in recycling and materials conservation. Those businesses being honored were Braxton Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Watertown; Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation of Hartford; Crystal Restorations of Southington; McGuire Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Cheshire; Oxford Polymers of New Britain and RR Donnelly & Sons of Old Saybrook.

Mr. Robert Wright, President of CRRA, was also honored for his vision and leadership in promoting recycling within Connecticut's business community. Kathy Dube, CRRA's Recycling Specialist, accepted the award for Mr. Wright. Mr. Donahue also recognized the long-standing commitment to recycling and helping businesses by one of CBEC's own Board members, Mr. Jim Oberndorfer of Perkin Elmer, Inc. Mr. Oberdorfer has been a member of the Council since its inception and has been instrumental in developing its Waste Review Program.

The Council is a non-profit group that is dedicated to helping Connecticut businesses establish or refine their recycling and waste reduction programs.

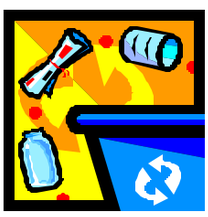
Connecticut Recycles Day is November 15!

The Connecticut Recycles Day Steering Committee has been hard at work planning many new exciting programs for our 4th annual celebration of this exciting national event. Some of our popular past programs will also continue. There is something for everyone!

Recycling Video – Sponsored by the Metropolitan District Commission, with a script written by the CT ARD Public Relations Committee, this 15-minute video will feature footage of recycled products, CT's green schools, CRRA's trash museums, businesses with exemplary recycling programs and much, much more. Narration is provided by Jim McDonough of Bloomfield, alias "Captain Kangaroo". Copies of the video will be available in September, just in time for your event! To receive a copy contact Meg Enkler (860) 424-3238. Meg will also answer general questions about how to participate in CT Recycles Day or visit www.americarecyclesday.org.

Green School Contest – Sponsored by the Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC) , this program recognizes schools with outstanding recycling programs. Winning schools receive an ice cream party for all students and staff donated by HP HOOD, Inc. For more information contact Ann Majocha at (860) 665-3468. Entries are due by October 1, 2000.

Business Recycling Contest – Two businesses will have an opportunity to win a room full of recycled carpet. These prizes were generously donated by Milliken Carpet and Interface Carpet. To find out more information about how you can enter contact Shelia Baummer, Special Events Committee, at (203) 720-7071. Entries must be received by September 29, 2000.



Rewards for Recycling Program - The special events committee has selected two towns to hold a "Recycling Rewards" contest. The "prize patrol" will visit 100 homes per day during America Recycles week (Nov. 13-17) in each town and leave a bag of products made from recycled materials at the doorstep of each home that has a bin out and has the recyclables prepared correctly. For more information contact Ginny Walton at (860) 429-3333.

Poster Calendar Contest – The CT DEP Recycling Program will continue its poster calendar contest for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Entry packets will be sent to school principals in late August. Posters are due at CT DEP offices by October 27, 2000. To receive an entry packet call Meg Enkler at (860) 424-3238.

Exciting Prizes- The fundraising committee has already secured a number of exciting prizes for both adults and children and is continuing to accept donations of products and services to be given as prizes, and monetary donations to be used to help publicize the event. For more information about donating contact Kim O'Rourke at (860) 344-3526. Sponsors of the event thus far include: Pitney Bowes, Tetra Pak, SNET, Northeast Utilities, J.C. Penney Catalogue Fullfillment Center, Waste Management, the American Plastics Council, Wild Oates Health Food store, It's Only Natural Restaurant, O'Brien & Sons, Mohegan-Sun, Signature Marketing, Steel Recycling Institute, CT Resources Recovery Authority, CT Rivers Council-Boy Scouts of America, Marcal Paper Products & the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation.

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